

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652 GDS  
TAGS: CH, US

SUBJ: COURTESY CALL ON VICE PREMIER LI HSIEN-NIEN

REF: STATE 185274

1. ON THE ADVICE OF THE MFA PROTOCOL DEPARTMENT I  
TOOK OCCASION OF MY COURTESY CALLOON VICE PREMIER  
LI HSIEN-NIEN AUGUST 9 TO DELIVER THE PRESIDENT'S  
LETTER TO CHAIRMAN HUA (REFTEL) LI OPENED THE  
LETTER ON THE SPOT, IT WAS TRANSLATED BY NANCY  
TANG, AND ON BEHALF OF PREMIER HUA KUO-FUNG HE  
EXTENDED THANKS AND BEST REGARDS TO PRESIDENT CARTER.

2. IT WAS A FRIENDLY AND RELAXED SESSION. LI  
GAVE A BRIEF STANDARD ACCOUNT OF THE PRC'S 1976  
TROUBLES INCLUDING THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE GANG  
OF FOUR BUT DID NOT DWELL ON INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS  
OR SINO-AMERICAN RELATIONS.

3. IN HIS ONLY REFERENCE TO NORMALIZATION LI SAID,  
IN PART, "WE KNOW THAT PRESIDENT CARTER AND  
SECRETARY VANCE HAVE BOTH EXPRESSED THE DESIRE  
FOR NORMALIZATION ON THE BASIS AND IN THE SPIRIT  
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OF THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE. WE TOO BELIEVE THAT  
THE TWO COUNTRIES AND THE TWO PEOPLES SHOULD HAVE  
A MORE NORMAL RELATIONSHIP".

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